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re application of: Cuttitta et al.

Application No. 09/931,700

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For: **FUNCTIONAL ROLE OF**

> ADRENOMEDULLIN (AM) AND THE GENE RELATED PRODUCT (PAMP) IN HUMAN

PATHOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Examiner: Susan Ungar, Ph.D.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated May 10, 2004. A three-month period for response was set, making a reply due on or before August 10, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time and enclose the required fee, making a reply due on or before October 10, 2004. If the Commissioner determines that additional fees are required, Deposit Account Authority is provided on the attached transmittal sheet.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 4.

A Declaration under § 1.132 in support of this response is provided herewith.

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